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MONTHLY CHURCH NEWSLETTER



**APRIL 2026
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NEWSLETTER**

Dear Friends in Christ,

April is always a busy month! It's more than the rush to get outside and enjoy spring and the warmer weather. This month begins with Holy Week and comes to conclusion with confirmation. Confirmation of our sixteen 8th grade confirmands is April 26 at the 10:30 am service. In the weeks preceding confirmation, our confirmands will undergo individual examinations with their families present.

Depending on when you read this article, we will either be beginning Holy Week or deep into it. After services on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday that help us contemplate our Lord's passion, we enter into what is known as the "Triduum" (pronounced "trid-uh-oom"). The Triduum includes our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil services. While these happen on three different days, they function as one service that tells the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. While we observe Holy Saturday separately, the Easter Sunrise Vigil is the celebration of Jesus resting in the tomb and then rising from the dead.

Maundy Thursday is the night that Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another. "Maundy" comes from the Latin word "*mandatum*" like "mandate," which means "command." Jesus commanded His disciples to live in His love, and He gave them His Supper. This church service is very special in a number of ways. It is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness for us in the Lord's Supper. He says, "This is my body" and "This is my blood," telling us that it is for the forgiveness of our sins. Up to that point, the service seems like a very similar service to the Sunday Divine Service with communion. But where the Benediction usually falls, Psalm 22 is read, including the words that Jesus prayed from the cross: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" During that time, the communion vessels, the paraments hanging on the altar, and all the candles and other altar accessories are removed. This "stripping of the altar" prepares the Church for Good Friday. We leave in silence, still waiting for a benediction.

The Good Friday Tenebrae service is a continuation of the Maundy Thursday service, and there is no



invocation to show that it is the same service from the day before. The service includes readings and hymns and the service gradually grows darker. It concludes with a loud noise that symbolizes Jesus' death. We leave in darkness and silence.

On Holy Saturday, we gather when the church is darker than normal. The service begins with the blessing and lighting of a new Paschal candle. Three times we will pray, "Jesus Christ is the Light of the world" as the Paschal candle is carried into church and put in its place. We will hear readings from the Old Testament that show the salvation history of God's people, concluding with hearing the account of the resurrection of our Lord. God willing, we will celebrate a baptism and welcome a new member into the faith, and receive the Lord's Supper. Then, we receive the Benediction that we've been waiting for since Maundy Thursday.

On Easter morning, we continue the celebration with our two morning services at 8:00 and 10:30 am. Then, our Easter joy continues as we celebrate through the Easter season, and truly, every service as we continue to gather together. Come, celebrate Jesus, who is the Resurrection and the Life and the Light of the world!

In Christ,
Pastor Powell

April Hymn of the Month: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen – Lutheran Service Book 474

The text of “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen” was composed by the Rev. Herman Stuempfle (1923-2007) who also composed last month’s hymn of the month, “O Christ, You Walked the Road.” A prolific hymn writer, he composed over 550 hymn texts. He has 12 hymn texts in *Lutheran Service Book* along with three hymn translations.

The genesis of this hymn text was the publication of *With One Voice* a supplement to the ELCA’s *Lutheran Book of Worship* hymnal. The editors suggested that Brokering prepare an Easter hymn that would pair with the tune “Earth and All Stars” with the intent to draw together the images and themes from through the Easter season. It’s popularity led to its inclusion in *Lutheran Service Book*.

The Scriptural source for this hymn is Matthew 4:1-11, the account of Jesus being tempted by Satan in the wilderness. It is a recommended hymn for Lent 1, which traditionally focuses on the temptation.

“The first stanza announces the resurrection of our Lord, with images of ‘trumpets resounding,’ the Lamb (from Revelation 5:13, and heaven. The refrain unequivocally proclaims Christ’s resurrection and the absolute certainty that it imparts to all believers that we also shall arise. It ends by glorifying God, just as the hymn began with ‘alleluia!’ Stanza 2 recalls the account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-49), incorporating one of the hallmarks of Brokering’s poetry: the word ‘surprise.’ John 15:1-33, the teaching of Jesus begin the vine and his disciples the branches, is reflected in Stanza 3; stanza 4 captures St. Paul’s discussion of the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15. With its reference to the ‘city of God,’ the ‘Lamb,’ and the ‘river of life,’ Brokering brings his hymn to a conclusion with allusions to Revelation 21 and 22.”

This hymn text is paired with the tune Earth and All Stars, a very distinctive tune, composed composed by David Johnson, a professor at St. Olaf College. The tune was composed in 1968 to go with a hymn of the same name, composed for the college’s 90th anniversary.

Hymn Text:

- 1 Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb,
Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! *Refrain*
- ref* *Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*
- 2 Walking the way,
Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread,
Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Refrain
- 3 Jesus the vine,
We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth,
Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me.
Refrain
- 4 Weeping, be gone;
Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing:
“O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Refrain
- 5 City of God,
Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life,
Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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Summarized from *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns* (Concordia Publishing House, 2019).

Holy Week

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

March 29, 8:00am & 10:30am

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

March 30 & 31, April 1, Noon

Maundy Thursday

April 2, Noon & 6:30pm

Good Friday Tre Ore

@ Faith Lutheran

April 3, Noon-3:00pm

Good Friday Tenebrae

April 3, 6:30pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

April 4, 6:00pm

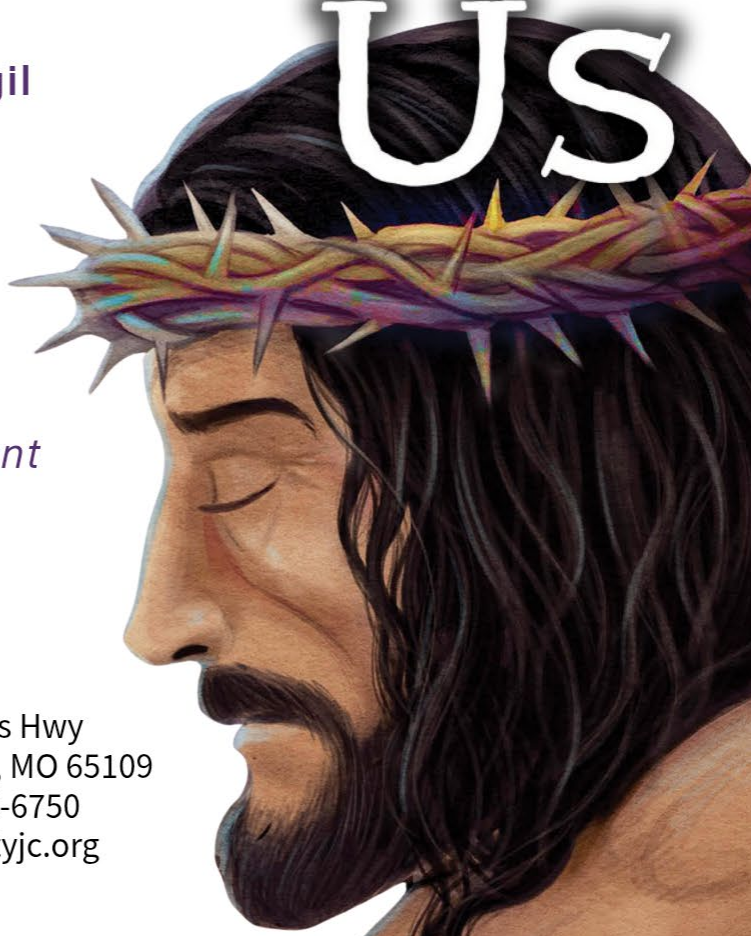
Easter

April 5, 8:00 & 10:30am

*Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt
between services*

*God is beyond
our comprehension
yet took on the most
accessible form
to walk with us.
For us.*

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Building Foundations On The Rock

-Matthew 7:24

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Serve Worship And Trust

I can do all things through him who gives me strength
-Philippians 4:13

Easter Brunch/Easter Egg Hunt – Easter Sunday, April 5th, the Sr Youth will sponsor the Easter morning breakfast. Each Sr Youth is asked to bring two breakfast casseroles to the fellowship hall before 9:00am. Please sign up at [Easter Brunch 2026](#). The Jr Youth will host an Easter Egg hunt for Sunday School children 5th grade and younger that same morning. The children will meet in the Youth Room at 10:00 for the hunt. Please don't forget to bring your Easter Baskets!

High School Seniors - We would like to see where you are going next fall! Please submit your name, your Senior picture, the college you plan to attend, the high school you are graduating from, and your parent's name so that we can share with the congregation. Please give your picture to Angie or email it to



abrenner@trinityjc.org by April 30th.

Shine! The Missouri District's state-wide servant event – “Let's come together with other brothers and sisters in Christ in service during the week of April 10-19th. Trinity plans to make Blessing Bags on April 12th during the Bible Study hour. Then at noon, everyone will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch and make cookie plates for our local emergency workers, cards for shut-ins, care baskets for the local hospitals, care packages for NICU, making confirmation flowers, and filling Easter eggs. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex for ways that you can help or reach out to Angie Brenner if you have any questions.

Junior and Senior Youth District Gathering - The Missouri District Lutheran Youth retreat returns on April 17th – 19th at Cross Pointe Retreat Center – Lake Ozark! The featured presenter is AJ Vega and the Featured Guest is Remedy Drive. Meet at the Youth Room on Friday night April 17th at 5:30 pm. Please make sure you have eaten before arriving. They will not be serving us dinner that night. We will return around 12:15pm on Sunday.

VBS 2026 Volunteers Needed – Emerald Crossing VBS will be held June 12nd thru June 26th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. If you would like to share your talents with the youth of our community, please sign up at [Trinity Emerald Crossing VBS](#) or contact Angie Brenner. Our first volunteer meeting will be Wednesday, April 15th from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Youth Room. We'd love to have you as a part of our team!

Word for Today

“And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”
Philippians 2:8

Scripture Snacks

“Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them.” — 2 Corinthians 5:19

“even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve...: - Matthew 20:28

“Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.” - John 12:1

April Calendar

5	Easter Egg Hunt/Brunch
12	Shine Service Event
17-19	District Youth Retreat
26	Confirmation Sunday – no meeting

Meal Train Link

www.mealtrain.com/trains/711nwm

Contact for More Information

Angie Brenner

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EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild Spring rummage sale will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026, in the old gym and cafeteria from 7am until 1pm. Donations of items will be accepted on Friday, May 29. We will accept baby clothes from newborn up to 4T. We will not sell adult clothes. All other items, such as pictures, decorations, dishes, games, puzzles, books, shoes, purses, craft items, glassware, etc are welcome! If you have any questions about other items, furniture, etc. please call Pam Rustemeyer at 573-338-7337.

HAPPY DRIFTERS

Happy Drifters is open to all senior members. We take educational and fun trips. It is a great way to meet other members of our congregation.

Plans have been made for the upcoming months and we hope you can put this on your calendar and join us.

- May 12 @11am** Guest speaker in Fellowship
Hall followed by a carry in dish meal.
- June 4** Tour of Lavender Rhapsody Field in Bland
\$8 is the tour cost per person
(Plans to rent a bus)(5hrs \$20 per person) Details to come!
Cool Cow Cheese for lunch
- July 11 @ 7pm** Elvis at Finke Theater in California MO; cost \$15

There will be signup sheets on bulletin board. Tickets will need to be purchased and bus contract set. If you plan to attend please sign up by May 1. Payments must be paid by May 12 at our carry in dinner.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

"The Women's Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Mite Box offerings will be collected at the sign-in table. We welcome all women of the congregation to join us in Christian fellowship. For more information, contact Judy Bangert at 573/635-1131.

Women's Auxiliary and Missionary Society will host the Spring Rally on April 18, 2026. Please make plans to attend."

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

All women are welcome to our next meeting. It will be on April 14th at 6:00pm. We will be finalizing details for the Spring Rally that is happening on April 18. Please see the Spring Rally information in this newsletter. Any questions please feel free to contact Danielle Rakow, 573-230-5654 or rakowedtk@gmail.com



**2025 Trinity Lutheran
Church Membership
Directories are now
available in the church
office for \$12.00 each**



Lutheran Women *in Mission*

LWML SPRING RALLY 2026

The Lutheran Women in Mission Spring Rally is happening at Trinity Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall on April 18th starting with registration at 8:30am. Some of the exciting things happening will be a skit, devotion, a bible study, and guest speakers including Dr Scott and Michael Wilshusen from Lutheran School Association to discuss the grant they received. Also, Catherine Simmons from the MO District will join us. We are also looking to put a short Mite Walk together so bring your walking shoes and get some pledges. Please contact the Women's Auxiliary or Missionary Society if you have any questions. All women in the congregation are welcome. Please RSVP by April 11th. Danielle Rakow 573-230-5654.

2026 Missouri District Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Travel southeast in Missouri to Cape Girardeau, once known as The City of Roses. This summer you can view the 24 historic murals that grace the floodwall along the historic Mississippi River. Plan to join other Lutheran Women in Mission at the biennial Missouri District convention, June 12-14, 2026, at the Drury Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Cape Girardeau for the 29th biennial convention.

Following Friday night's opening worship service, which is open to family and friends too, the business of the LWML continues Saturday morning with our traditional banner procession. During the extended lunch break, when delegates cast their votes, visit the LWML Shop, Mission Fair, Silent Auction and Exhibits. Throughout the day, join your voice with song leader and entertainer Wendysue Fluegge as she inspires us to pray and sing to the Lord. Registration is online only. Early registration (by April 30) is \$200 and includes Saturday boxed lunch and Saturday banquet buffet.

Register online at <https://www.missourilwml.org/conventions/2026-missouri-district-convention>. After the online registration is completed, you will receive an email confirmation. That email will contain links to three hotels. Booking one of the hotels through that link will provide you with a discount room rate. The last date to book rooms at a discount rate is May 10, 2026. After this date, the hotels will release the unreserved rooms to the public. Come celebrate at a convention full of tradition—rooted and established in the faith of Christ Jesus!



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

VIP DAY

Friday, March 6 was our VIP day. This was an opportunity for students to bring their own Very Important Person(s) to school with them. The day began with devotions in the gym and was followed by activities throughout the school for students and VIPs to take part in. Activities included a snack walk, board games, bingo, inflatables, cup stacking and a book fair. Thank you to all of the VIPs who joined us for this special day.

7TH AND 8TH GRADE DRAMA PERFORMANCE

Mark your calendars so you don't miss the Middle School production of Container of Sharks! The performance will be in the old gym.

Friday, April 24, 2026 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 25, 2026 1:30 PM

ATHLETICS NEWS

The LSAM Basketball Tournament was held February 20-22. Our Varsity Boys Basketball Team finished 3rd in the tournament.

In the CMPAL championships the Varsity Boys won 2nd place in their division.

Congratulations to our Archery Team on a successful archery season! Our team participated in the 2026 MoNASP State 3D and Bullseye tournament in Branson on March 18-21.

The elementary team placed 4th out of 7 schools in 3D and 13th out of 16 schools in Bullseye. The middle school team placed 17th out of 42 schools in 3D and 10th out of 58 schools in Bullseye.

STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Student Council would like to thank all those who participated in the recent cereal drive for the Samaritan Center. The Student Council is planning a Pep Assembly to honor our graduating 8th graders in May.

UPCOMING EVENTS

03/30-04/06 Spring/Easter Break

04/08 3rd & 4th Field Trip to Missouri Archives

04/08 PTL Meeting | School Cafeteria | 6:30 PM

04/09 5th Grade Field Trip to Bridal Cave

04/14 8th Grade Formal Pictures

04/16 MRRL Storytelling 2:00-3:00 PM

04/17 6th Grade DARE Field Trip

04/17 4th Quarter Mid Term

04/24 Middle School Play 6:00 PM

04/25 Middle School Play 1:30 PM

04/28 Spring Band Concert 6:30 PM

05/05 3rd & 4th Field Trip of Missouri State Capitol Complex

05/12 6th Grade Trip to City Museum

05/13 8th Grade Pep Assembly

05/15 Last Day of School 11:30 AM Dismissal

05/15 8th Grade Graduation 6:30 PM

CONTAINER OF SHARKS

by Don Zolidis

In the business world, it's either eat...
or be eaten

APRIL 24TH 6:00PM

APRIL 25TH 1:30PM

OLD GYM // FREE ADMISSION



presented by Trinity Lutheran School

in association with Concord Theatricals

Need some face time with other moms?
Load up the kiddos and join us for a low-fuss

MOM

Social Group

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
@ 9:15 (after school chapel)
Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall



ACADEMIC SHOWCASE

STUDENT ACADEMIC SHOWCASE

We are excited to invite you to our first ever Academic Showcase! This special event is a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their hard work, creativity, and learning achievements with you.



Date: Tuesday, April 28



Time: 5:00-6:00 PM

Throughout the showcase, students will present projects, demonstrations, and activities from a variety of subjects including reading, writing, math, science, and more. You'll get a firsthand look at the skills they've developed and the exciting things happening in our classrooms.

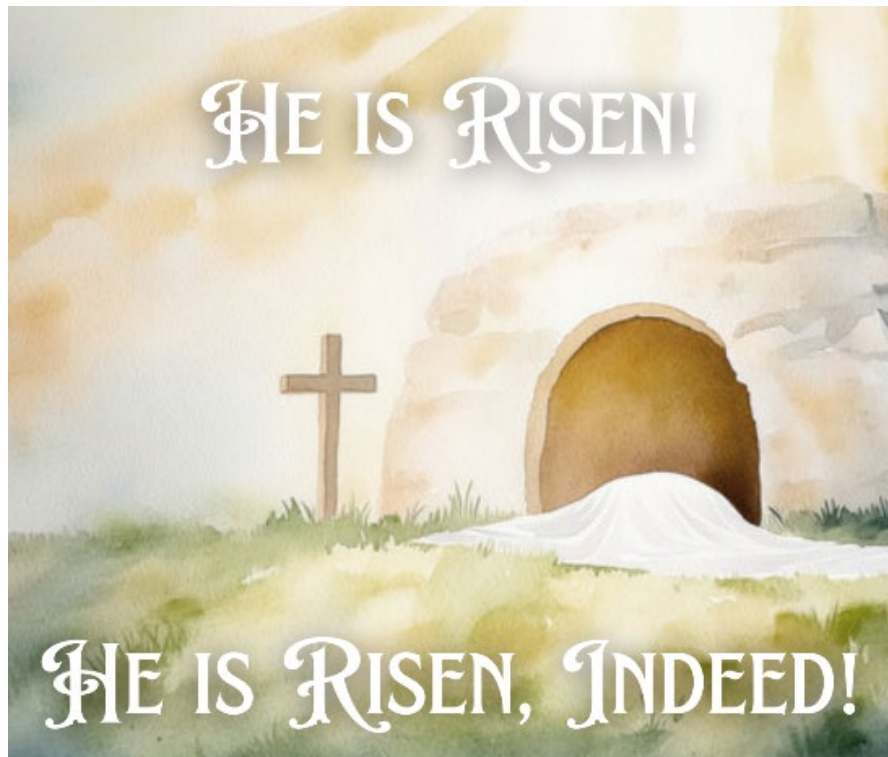
Come celebrate our students' dedication and accomplishments—we look forward to seeing you there! Following the academic showcase our 5th-8th grade band students will hold their spring concert at 6:30 PM in the church sanctuary.



SPRING BAND CONCERT

Join us on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:30 in the church sanctuary for the 5th-8th grade band concert.

This concert will include many guest musicians: alumni, school parents, church members, staff and community members. It will be a wonderful evening of music.



MEN'S CLUB – Trinity Lutheran Church

SPRING BBQ

SATURDAY

APRIL 25

SERVING BEGINS

10:00 am



SCHULTE'S PARKING LOT

Southwest Blvd. Jefferson City

Pork Steak or Bratwurst Dinners: \$15

(dinners include cole slaw, baked beans, bread (optional) and a choice of meat)

Pork Steak Sandwich: \$6 Bratwurst on a Bun: \$5

All proceeds generated from this event are donated to Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Calvary Lutheran High School, and other local Lutheran-supported activities.



Heit's Point Lutheran Ministries Summer Camp 2026

Week 1 – Art Camp & All Camp
June 7–12
\$575 Art Camp \$550 All Camp
Grades: 3rd-9th

Art Camp

Campers will learn a variety of art techniques while working on different crafts and creative projects to showcase at the art show during the closing program. Throughout the week, campers will explore the beauty of God's creation and grow in their appreciation for all He has done—and continues to do—for us, alongside many other fun activities.

All Camp

The All Camp option offers campers a full, well-rounded camp experience that includes all the best traditions of Heit's Point. Campers will spend their days swimming at the lake, playing organized games, participating in worship and Bible studies, gathering around campfires, and enjoying a variety of outdoor adventures. This option is ideal for campers who want a classic summer camp experience centered on faith, friendship, and fun.

Week 2 – Family Discipleship Camp w/ Concordia Center for the Family
June 15–19
\$350/Adult + \$100/Kid
ALL ages welcomed, even toddlers!
Concordia Center for the Family

Come enjoy a fun and meaningful experience at camp with your children while being equipped and inspired to grow in faith within your own family and strengthen the families you serve. Pastor Biermann will lead parents and church workers in Bible study and discipleship focused on faith at home, while children are cared for by our summer camp counselors. Families will also enjoy time together swimming, playing, worshipping, singing, and building lasting memories. Family pricing is \$350 per adult and \$100 per child, with children ages 2 and under attending free. Pricing includes a private hotel-style room or cabin, meals, Pastor Biermann, camp counselors and childcare, boating, swimming, fishing, disc golf, campfires, activities, and more. Lower-cost options are available for RV, bunkhouse, or tent camping, with RV stays at \$250 per adult and tent camping at \$225 per adult.

Week 3 – Caving Week w/ Paintball
June 21–26
\$575
Grades: 3rd-9th

Join us for our new Caving Camp, where campers will embark on an exciting offsite adventure to explore Jacob's Caverns during a guided cave crawl. Throughout the week, campers will grow in their faith as they explore God's amazing Word, enjoy fun games, and take part in engaging activities designed to encourage learning, teamwork, and adventure. This unique camp experience blends hands-on exploration with faith-filled fun and unforgettable memories.

Week 4 – Discovery Week
June 28–30
\$250
Grades: K-4th

Created just for kids looking for a "small adventure," this short week is perfect for Kindergarteners through 3rd graders! Campers will enjoy gentle adventures, fun activities, and meaningful moments learning about God's love in a safe, encouraging camp environment. Parents or grandparents may stay on camp property by renting a hotel-style room or cabin, allowing young campers to explore, grow in confidence, and make joyful faith-filled memories—while family stays close by.

Week 5 – Basketball Week
July 5–10
\$575
Grades: 3rd-9th

Our Basketball Camp is back with Coach Hawkeye! Campers will learn what it means to be a Christian athlete while fine-tuning existing basketball skills and developing new ones through focused instruction and teamwork. Throughout the week, campers will also enjoy engaging Bible studies, fun activities, and time spent experiencing the beauty of God's creation, making this camp a well-rounded blend of faith, fitness, and fun.

Week 6 – Servant Event
July 12–17
\$350
Middle school and High schoolers

Join us and DCE Daniel Meyer (and his new church) as we paint around the camp, rebuild areas in need of tender loving care, and serve members of the Lincoln or Warsaw community. Campers will work alongside other young people who love God and have a heart for serving others, growing in faith while making a meaningful impact.

Week 7 – Water Week
July 19–24
\$575 Grades: 3rd-9th

Let's make a splash—one of our favorite weeks is back! Join us for an action-packed, water-filled week featuring an exciting offsite trip to Super Splash. Campers will enjoy a variety of fun water activities alongside engaging games, meaningful Bible studies, and plenty of time for fellowship and laughter. This week is the perfect blend of summer fun, faith growth, and unforgettable memories at camp.

Family Camp #2 - Aug 2-7
\$350/Adult + \$100/Kid
ALL ages welcomed, even toddlers!

Come enjoy a fun and meaningful experience at camp with your children while growing together in faith and strengthening your family. Pastor Perting will lead families in engaging Bible study and faith-focused teaching, while children are cared for by our summer camp counselors. Families will also enjoy time together swimming, playing, worshipping, singing, and building lasting memories. Family pricing is \$350 per adult and \$100 per child, with children ages 2 and under attending free. Pricing includes a private hotel-style room or cabin, meals, Pastor Perting, camp counselors and childcare, boating, swimming, fishing, disc golf, campfires, activities, and more. Lower-cost options are available for RV, bunkhouse, or tent camping, with RV stays at \$250 per adult and tent camping at \$225 per adult.

More info and registration at
sites.google.com/view/heitspointlutheran/SummerCamp

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Keith & Denise Ziegelbein in memory of family & friends that have gone on to the Church Triumphant before us.

Jim & Janelle Schulte in honor of the Blue Star (Military) families, the Silver Star (Wounded) families, & the Gold Star (Veterans) families

Marc & Judy Kollmeyer, Amy, Sara, Joseph, Caleb & families in memory of Raymond & Wilma Scheperle and Henry & Norma Kollmeyer

Kyle & Jamie Fischer in memory of Betty Fischer Zumwalt and Lowell Fischer

Terry & Geraldine Surface, in memory of Robert & Martha Surface

Judith Mellecke, in memory of Rev. Mayo & Mrs. Adelma Mellecke.

Dan & Ellen Sandhaus, in memory of Jerry & Frieda Lamar and Elmer & Alleene Sandhaus

Bernie & Amy Nadler, Eli, Rachel and Luke, in memory of Leonard & Roberta Nadler and Howard & Nancy Zumbahl

Betty Backes and Michael & Shannon Denney

In memory of MaryAnn Propst

Betty Backes family Thank you dearest Jesus, for thy suffering, death, and blessed resurrection, that we too may live. To thee be the Glory!

Ron & Rosalie Clark, in memory of Adolph & Johanna Walther (parents) & JR Walther (brother)

Carla Chapman, in memory of Della Chapman

Ed & Suebet Beck, in honor of church volunteers

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Gary & Maxine Johnson family, in memory of our parents, Ben & Deloris Johnson, and Ralph & Marie Loesch

Terry & Lana Beck family, in memory of Marvin & Virginia Beck and Arthur & Catherine Porting

Dennis & Linda Smith, in memory of Alvin & Lydie Huff and Earl & Margaret Smith

Melvin & Deborah Schulenberg, in memory of Mary Lou Esposito and Martin & Edna Schulenberg

Jim & Doris Wunderlich, in memory of Jim and Clara Wunderlich and Nancy Duncan

Charles & Charlotte Skornia, in memory of Dr. George Curtman and in honor of John Ellis

Candace Stockton, in loving memory of George Beck, Gene Stockton, and Ernest & Hulda Loesch

Carlene Bates, Wes, Amanda & Leslie Locke, in memory of Danny Bates

Tanya Harrison, in memory of Arline & Pete Foster



Treasurer's Corner

To provide better communication on our finances, we have begun publishing regular updates. Here is a synopsis of what has been shared in the News and Notes recently. For the first two months of the year our expenses outpaced our income by \$48,611.

Our average payroll in 2025 was \$142,798 per month. Utilities for our building cost \$1,521 per week.

Trinity has over 11 acres that need regular maintenance. Estimates to have a commercial service provide mowing and trimming services to the grounds and cemetery range from \$1000 to \$2,500 per visit. Our crew of dedicated volunteers mow between 15 and 20 times per year depending on the conditions. Can you imagine spending \$15,000 to \$37,500 just to mow grass? Last year our crew did the job for just \$2089. This makes funding a replacement lawn tractor for the crew look like a pretty smart investment. Did I mention they do their own maintenance on our 5 lawn tractors, 2 push mowers, 8 weed eaters and 2 blowers?

Each year a group of congregation volunteers, backed by our Mission and Service Board, makes 250 plus back to school backpacks for children in our community. Many of these children have no way to buy school supplies on their own. In 2025, the overall cost of the program was \$6,280, however this was offset by over \$4,800 raised to directly support the program. This is just one of the many ways we help our community. Just like a normal business or homeowner, we insure our property and our staff against unplanned events and liabilities. Last year, insurance for the building, staff liability, workers compensation, etc. cost Trinity \$174,725. Good news, the trustees have acquired a new building insurance policy that will let us significantly reduce this cost in 2026.

Janitorial services for 2025 cost \$119,792. While that may seem like a lot, we have a large 69,000 sq. ft. building. This is composed of a sanctuary, a fellowship hall, two gymnasiums, two kitchens, a cafeteria, twenty-one classrooms, nine offices, a nursery and twenty-three bathrooms. That's a large cleaning task by any definition, especially scrubbing fifty-seven toilets every day! The current labor market makes finding and retaining janitorial staff extremely challenging. Over the past four years, we have seen over forty janitors come and go. By hiring a cleaning service, we do not take on the challenge of finding and supervising workers to perform daily cleaning tasks.

Did you know there's a tax-efficient way to support our church? even though you don't itemize deductions on your return? If you are 70 ½ years old or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Deduction from your traditional IRA.

A QCD allows you to:

- Pay directly from your IRA to Trinity up to \$111,000.00 per individual annually.
- Satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) if you're 73 or older.
- Pay no income tax on the withdrawal.

Consult your financial advisor or tax specialist to see if this makes sense for you!

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/seniors-can-reduce-their-tax-burden-by-donating-to-charity-through-their-ira>

Tax Law Change for 2026

When you calculate your taxes next April you can deduct up to \$1000 for a single filer or \$2000 for joint files for charitable giving. Even if you do not itemize, these tax deductions are available. It's estimated that up to 80% of filers will qualify for this deduction. See your tax professional for further information.

<https://www.nerdwallet.com/taxes/learn/tax-deductible-donations-charity?msocid=39a7a397a1336c4d151db49aa05a6d51>

**NOTICE:
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
ON EASTER MONDAY**

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – The Board members of the Trinity Lutheran School Alumni Association will be meeting in the church Board Room on Tuesday, April 7, at 6 pm. Recently, the association’s members approved moving its annual reunion to the Fall, starting this year. Any member or associate member of the association is invited to attend the April 7 meeting as we begin preparations for the 2026 Alumni Reunion. If you have any questions, please contact Jay Wunderlich, chairman of the Alumni Association, at 573.508.5750.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – (A note from Parish Education)

Sunday School opens in the Fellowship hall with all members of the congregation. After the opening the children go to the various classrooms. Feel free to ask anyone and you will be directed to a teacher or student to help you get to the right classroom. There is always room for more students and teachers.

APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30a Lectionary L HOLY WEEK SERVICE NOON	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY DIVINE SERVICE/NOON DIVINE SERVICE/6:30PM	3 GOOD FRIDAY TRE ORE NOON @ FAITH LUTHERAN TENEBRAE/6:30PM	4 6p DIVINE SERVICE
5 8:00a/10:30a DIVINE SERVICE EASTER EGG HUNT- 10AM EASTER BRUNCH BETWEEN SERVICES	6 8a Quilters EASTER MONDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	7 6p Missionary Society 6p Men’s Club L	8 8:15a CHAPEL 9:30a Lectionary L	9 7:00p - Choir	10 11a – Library Work 7p – Game Night	11 6p DIVINE SERVICE
12 8:00a/10:30a DIVINE SERVICE 9:30a Sunday School	13 8a Quilters	14	15 8:15a CHAPEL 9:30a Lectionary L	16 7:00pm - Choir	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 6p DIVINE SERVICE
19 8:00a/10:30a DIVINE SERVICE 9:30a Sunday School	20 8a Quilters	21 Board Meetings 6:30PM	22 8:15a CHAPEL 9:30a Lectionary L	23	24 11A – Library Work	25 6p – DIVINE SERVICE
26 8:00a/10:30a DIVINE SERVICE 9:30a Sunday School	27 8a Quilters	28 STUDENT SHOWCASE 5-6PM SPRING BAND CONCERT 6:30PM	29 8:15a CHAPEL 9:30a Lectionary L	30		

CHUCH COUNCIL MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 5, 2026